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SUBJECT: PASSPORT RESTRICTIONS FOR TRAVEL TO
NORTH KOREA

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1. KOREAN EMBASSY HAS ALSO RAISED SUBJECT OF PASSPORT RESTRICTIONS WITH DEPT. ON AUG 19 ROK AMBASSADOR HAHM CALLED DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ZURHELLEN TO URGE EXTENSION OF RESTRICTIONS. HAHM SUGGESTED USG SHOULD USE LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS FOR TRAVEL TO NORTH KOREA AS LEVERAGE TO ENCOURAGE EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO PERMIT THEIR NATIONALS TO VISIT ROK.

2. ZURHELLEN REPLIED THAT NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN TAKEN ON RENEWAL OF RESTRICTIONS (WHICH WILL EXPIRE IN SEPTEMBER) AND THAT ROK VIEWS WOULD BE GIVEN FULL CONSIDERATION. HE
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POINTED OUT THAT PROBLEM DOES NOT CONCERN ONLY NORTH KOREA

BUT ALSO NORTH VIETNAM, CUBA AND, POSSIBLY, CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM.

3. ON AUG 21 ROK EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR CALLED KOREA COUNTRY DIRECTOR TO ALSO URGE RENEWAL OF RESTRICTIONS, ARGUING THAT GREATLY INCREASED INTEREST IN VISITING NORTH

KOREA BY KOREAN-AMERICANS IN US WOULD FOLLOW LIFTING RESTRICTIONS. INGERSOLL

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